

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 801

By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Alan Barker, 2002
Valedictorian of Heritage High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Alan Barker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Heritage High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Barker has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Alan has earned an exemplary 4.66 Grade Point Average and inclusion in the prestigious *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and the United States Achievement Academy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barker is the recipient of the coveted Ned McWherter Scholarship, the Tennessee Tech Service Scholarship, the Maryville College Community Service Book Award,

and the Student of Distinction Award; in addition, he was nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award, and

WHEREAS, for his remarkable achievements in the classroom, he has received academic letters in Math, Science, English, and Social Studies; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among his peers, he has held numerous leadership positions throughout his high school career, diligently serving as the Vice President of his Senior Class, Vice President of Heritage High School's Chapter of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Spanish Club, and Chapter President of Future Business Leaders of America; and

WHEREAS, a capable athlete as well as a gifted student, Mr. Barker led the Tennis Team as Captain during his Senior Year and is a four-year member of the Tennis Team; and

WHEREAS, he has devoted countless hours of his time to community service projects, volunteering at Blount Memorial Hospital, Stepping Stones Preschool, Porter Elementary School, Heritage High School Tutorial Center, and the Blount County Children's Home; and

WHEREAS, Alan Barker's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barker's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Heritage High School Valedictorian, Alan Barker, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

